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In re application of: Manish Jain et al.

Application No.: 10/015,180	Art Unit.: 2123
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For: "System And Method For Enhancing The Speed Of Dynamic Timing Simulation Using Delay Assessment At Compile Time"

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Date: October 7, 2005

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.

3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Total	44	Minus	44	= 0	x $50 =	$0
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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ $360 =	$0
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No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.
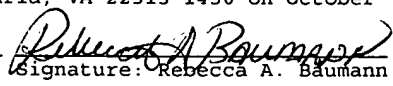
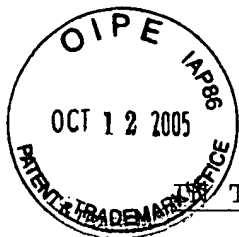SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

    Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application. Claims
23-32 and 39-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second
paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-44 are rejected under
35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious by U.S. Patent 5,379,231
(Pillage) in view of U.S. Patent 5,754,826 (Gamal).

    Claims 13, 18, 21, 24, and 32 are amended herein to correct
typographical and clerical errors.